

HB 1098-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that: (1) Under present physical conditions in the Yakima river basin there is an insufficient supply of water to satisfy the needs of the basin;

(2) Pursuant to P.L. 96-162, which was urged for enactment by this state, the United States is now conducting a study of ways to provide needed waters through improvements of the federal water project presently existing in the Yakima river basin;

(3) The interests of the state will be served by developing programs, in cooperation with the United States and the various water users in the basin, that increase the overall ability to manage basin waters in order to better satisfy both present and future needs for water in the Yakima river basin.

Declares it is the purpose of this act to improve the ability of the state to work with the United States and various water users of the Yakima river basin in a program designed to satisfy both existing rights, and other presently unmet as well as future needs of the basin.

Repeals RCW 90.38.005, 90.38.010, 90.38.020, 90.38.030, 90.38.040, 90.38.050, 90.38.900, 90.38.901, and 90.38.902.